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PRODUCING ARTICLES OF SHEET
MATERIAL FROM FLAT BLANKS

Group Art Unit 3721

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English Language Documents:

U.S. Patents

5,019,026	Jaton Jean-Philippe	05/28/1991
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European Patents/Applications:

CH 689,300	Bobst Sa	02/15/1999
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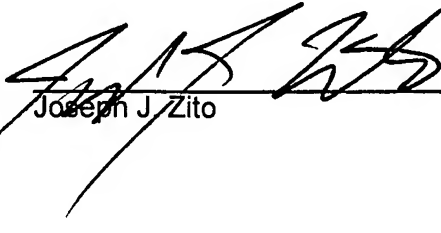
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